

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 1, 2005.

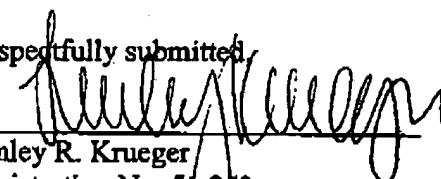
CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1, 3-4, 8-9 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,125,695 (*Kamath*).

Claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 13-20 and 24-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,861,827 (*Sosa*). Claims 2, 6-7, 12 and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,861,827 (*Sosa*).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and have submitted new claims reflecting such. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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